

AN ACT relating to the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

□Section 1. There is hereby authorized to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center \$37,846,000 of Federal Funds and \$20,379,000 of Bond Funds in fiscal year 2016-2017, for the construction of a 137-bed veterans nursing home in Magoffin County. No bonds shall be sold for this project until it has been approved by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the Commonwealth has been notified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that Federal Funds are available to support this construction.

□Section 2. If any debt service is required for the issuance of bonds for the construction of the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center authorized in Section 1 of this Act, it shall be deemed a necessary government expense and shall be paid from the General Fund Surplus Account (KRS 48.700) or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (KRS 48.705).

□Section 3. Whereas the veterans of this Commonwealth deserve the best possible care, as near to their homes and families as is practicable, and whereas this bill will advance that highly important public purpose in this time of urgent need, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.